

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

CHILCOTT *g*

LUND *BT*

THOMPSON *OK*

TAYLOR (Clerk & Recorder)

Date.....July 19, 2006

Members Present.....Commissioner Greg Chilcott,
Commissioner Betty Lund and Commissioner Alan Thompson

Minutes: Glenda Wiles

The Board re-convened the meeting of July 18th in regard to the fire season. Present at this meeting was Office of Emergency Management Coordinator Ron Nicholas. Ron indicated he participated in a conference call this morning with DNRC. Most of the Fire Chiefs participated in this call with the exception of Hamilton Fire Chief Ron Ehli. Ron spoke to Ron Ehli after the conference call and received Ron's approval to move forward with a resolution or declaration in regard to the season that is upon our area.

Discussion included what has been done in the past and the possibility of signing a Declaration of Emergency for Ravalli County. Commissioner Thompson stated he did not feel comfortable signing the declaration as of yet. It was agreed that although the declaration allows the Commissioners to levy 2 mills, they concurred the levy of the 2 mills would only occur if necessary. The Board concurred not to sign the declaration of emergency at this time and opted to place open burning restrictions upon Ravalli County residents within the county jurisdiction by Resolution. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1945 which places restrictions on campfires for the purposes of cooking food, smoking prohibited outside of vehicles and cars and within certain confines that are cleared of brush, and to establish a local fire season which will prohibit any opening burning of slash etc. Commissioner Lund seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

In other business, Commissioner Thompson noted he is going to a convention in Chicago on August 1st, and then will take vacation after the convention. This will not put him back into the state until August 15th. Commissioner Lund made a motion allowing Commissioner Thompson's absence from the state for more than 14 days (as required by statute). Commissioner Chilcott seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

Commissioner Chilcott left during the noon hours to attend a community growth forum in Ennis.